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SUBJECT: VISIT ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOBBIN AND PARTY

REF: TEHRAN 7273

1. TILTON H. DOBBIN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, WILL ARRIVE TEHRAN 10:40 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, FROM PARIS, FLIGHT IR-736. DEPART TEHRAN 7:45 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, PAA-111 TO NEW YORK.

2. WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOHN P. GLEASON, JR., AND RICHARD J. SMITH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR EMERGENT MARKETS, OIM/BIC.

3. RESERVEE THREE SINGLES AT INTERCONTINENTAL.

4. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO REPRESENT USDOC AT OPENING OF TRADE CENTER. DESIRE EXPLOIT VISIT TO OBTAIN FULLEST PUBLICITY FOR OPENING AND FOR MEDEX EXHIBITION. WITHIN THAT FRAME OF REFERENCE, DOBBIN WILLING MAKE WHATEVER
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COURTESY CALLS EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

5. PLEASED TO ACCEPT LUNCHEON OR DINNER INVITATION FROM AMERICAN-IRANIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BUT STRONGLY URGE DEFERRING THIS EVENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, SINCE WE FEEL THAT AN APPEARANCE BEFORE OPENING CEREMONY WOULD DISTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM TRADE CENTER. WOULD APPRECIATE VERY BRIEF BIO DATA ON OFFICERS OF CHAMBER LIKELY TO BE MET AS WELL AS BRIEF HISTORY OF CHAMBER.

6. DESIRES POLICAL/ECONOMIC BRIEFING BY EMBASSY AND FULL FORMAL BRIEFING BY TRADE CENTER BEFORE MEETINGS WITH MEDIA OR IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OR BUSINESS FIGURES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK INFORMALLY WITH ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, COMMATT, AND COMMERCIAL STAFF.

7. TO FOCUS PUBLICITY ON TRADE CENTER, SUGGEST THAT FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH MEDIA, OTHER THAN POSSIBLY AT AIRPORT, BE AT CENTER, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OPENING CEREMONY, SO REPORTERS CAN EASILY INCLUDE CEREMONY ITSELF IN THEIR COVERAGE.

8. WITHIN ABOVE FRAMEWORK, REQUEST YOU PREPARE DETAILED STEP-BY-STEP SCHEDULE FOR DOBBIN VISIT.

9. SUGGESTIONS FOR MATERIAL TO INCLUDE IN MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND SPEECH TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

10. REPLY BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

11. PICTURE AND BIO DATA BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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